GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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VANDE MATARAM PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had organised a month-long Vande Mataram Programme throughout the country during November-December, 2000;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have succeeded in achieving the aims of the programme;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government propose to organise more such programmes in future; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI PON. RADHAKIRISHNAN)

(a)to (d) : The Vandemataram Programme was organised from 11th December, 1999 to 12th January, 2000. The main objective of the programme was to motivate the youth of the country to take up positive community action, imbibe good citizen qualities, inspire them to dedicate themselves for national reconstruction and to take up challenges in the field of nation building.

Broadly, the set objectives were achieved through various programmes organised throughout the country. The message of Vandemataram was carried through Jathas in 97 Universities, through Nehru Yuva Kendras Volunteers, National Service Scheme(NSS) students, National Cadet Corps(NCC) cadets and Scouts& Guides. 154 Vahinis took out Jathas to sensitize people on socio-economic issues confronting the country. Traversing 1,62,522 kms, these vahinis visited 11,263 villages, towns and slums holding corner meetings, and exhibiting street plays and patriotic film shows disseminating the message of the Campaign. On midnight of 31st December 1999, all over the country, 1059 pledge taking functions were organised in 364 districts.

(e) There is no proposal to organise any such programme in the near future.

(f) Does not arise.